### Tron County Register.

By ELI D. AKE

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Andre Matteson, once editor of the Calcago Times, died, on the 5th, at his home in Highland Park, Ill.

The League of American Municipaltties will hold their annual convention in East St. Louis, Ill., on October 4, 5 and 6.

More than 300,000 acres in Routt

and Grand counties, Col., were thrown open for settlement, on the 4th, by the state land board, including coal, agricultural and mineral lands. The senate voted, on the 5th, in

favor of loaning the St. Louis World's fair \$4,600,000. The exposition company agreed to pay Uncle Sam back out of the first gate receipts.

Admiral Schley, who had been suffering from an attack of grip at Washington, D. C., was very much better on the 5th. He was able to leave his bed and breamast with his family.

Adjt-Gen. Scott, on the 4th, issued an order granting permission to the First regiment, Illinois national guard, of Chicago, to attend the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis. July

The official call for the Prohibition national convention, which is to convene in Indianapolis, Ind., on June 29, was issued, on the 4th, by Oliver W. Stewart chairman of the national committee

roads in Alaska, for the maintenance of schools and support of insane and destitute persons in the territory.

Charles M. Levey, for two years general manager of the Burlington railroad lines in Missouri, was, on the 5th, made assistant to President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific railroad, to take charge of the properties west of the Rocky mountains.

Following the lead of Gov. W. J. Bailey of Kansas, who withdrew from the race for governor, Morton Albaugh, chairman of the republican state central committee during the last three campaigns, on the 1st announced that he would not be a candidate for re-

William C. Whitney went to his of his family, relatives and friends in the many walks of life in which the late secretary of the navy had passed. The simple coremonies were held over the remains in Grace church, New

The Canadian Pacific rallway officials. at Montreal, Can, announced, on the 2d, that the company had been condemned by a British judge in Hong Kong to pay to the Chinese government \$480,000 for the sinking of a Chinese gunboat by one of their steamers. the Empress of Japan.

After a brief sitting, the supreme court of the United States adjourned on the 1st, to meet again on the 23d. The adjournment was for the purpose of affording opportunity to give consideration of cases which have been argued, including the Northern Securities merger case.

Last rites were performed, on the 36, at the Seminary of the Sacred Heart, Chicago, over the remains of Madame Margaret Knapp, a widelyknown member of the Sacred Heart community. Madame Knapp was a member of the well-known family of that name in St. Louis.

Judge Lucien Salisbury died at his home on Walnut Hill farm, near Kenton, O., on the 3d, aged 80 years. He was the founder of Salisbury, Mo., and served four terms as a member of the lacislature of that state. While a resident of Missouri he also served on the common pleas bench.

J. G. Myers, a prominent farmer, died at Carthage, Mo., on the 3d, having starved himself to death. He had not eaten a particle of food for 49 days. Myers was a spiritualist, and said recently that his wife, who died some time ago, was urging him to come to her. Myers was 60 years of age and well-to-do.

Adolph Schwarzmann, one of the founders and editors-in-chief of Puck. died in New York city, on the 4th, of pneumonia, after an illness of six veeks. He was born in Germany, in 1838, and came to this country after learning the printer's trade. With Joseph Keppler he founded Puck in 1876, and had since been at the head of the publication.

William Collins Whitney, former secretary of the navy, died, on the 2d, in New York city, while under the influence of ether administered preparatory to a second operation for appendicitis. By his bedside were his son, Harry Payne Whitney, and his daughter, Dorothy Whitney, as well as Dr. William T. Bull, the chief surgeon in attendance. He was in his sixty-fourth

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NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS. (First Session.)

(First Session.)

Senate—In the senate on the 1st Mr. Dietrich, of Nebraska, made a request for an investigation into charges on which he was tried recently by a federal court in his own state, and the sonate granted the request, the precident pro tem, appointing a committee consisting of Messrs. Hoar, Platt of Connecticut, Spooner, Cockrell and Petitus to make the inquiry. The remainder of the day was devoted to an argument by Mr. Morgan in support of the resolution introduced by Mr. Stone directing the senate committee on foreign relations to make an investigation into the Panama revolution. When Mr. Morgan concluded, the senate passed the bill permitting the building of a dam across the Missistippi river at Sauk Rapids, Minn. At 2.50 the senate went into executive session, and at 4.53 adjourned. House—The proceedings in the house were enlivened by a spirited discussion of the Panama question. Mr. Thuyer, of Massachusetts, declared the course of this government in Panuma to have been contrary to the provisions of the treaty with New Granada. Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, made a vigorous defense of the administration and said the brightest star that shines in the pathway of the candidate of the republican party is his course in the Panama canal question.

Senate—Mr. Clarke, the new democratic senator from Arkansas, made his first The order of Mayor McClellan of

The order of Mayor McClellan of New York city to close the Grand opera house was complied with, on the 5th, by the management. A strong force of police was present to enforce the order if necessary.

Charged with robbing the body of a woman victim of the Chicago Iroquois theater fire, Louis Witze, a saloon keeper, was, on the 2d, found guilty. T. McCarthy and Charles Conway were convicted of aiding Witze.

Rev. Amos Dresser, a retired Congregational minister, died, on the 4th, at his home near Lawrence, Kas., aged 91 years. He was one of the first graduates of Oberlin university, being a member of the class of '33.

A charter was granted at Topeka, Kas, on the 5th, to the Arkansas, Missouri & Kansas Railroad Co., capital \$1,500,000, to build a line southeast from Chanute, Kas. Boston capitalists were reported to be behind the company.

The senate committee, on the 5th, authorized Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, to report favorably on his bill to provide for the construction of roads in Alaska, for the maintenance of schools and support of insane and opera house was complied with, on the 5th, authorized Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, to report favorably on his bill to provide for the construction of roads in Alaska, for the maintenance of schools and support of insane and

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Bloomington, Ill., on the 7th, aged 70 years. He was a circuit judge for thirteen years and a member of congress from 1877 to 1879.

Dr. Charles W. Dodd, a prominent physician and local Swedenborgian leader, died suddenly, on the 7th, at Cincinnati, O., from apoplexy.

Senate—After listening to speeches by Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Clay in support of the Panama canai treaty, the senate of the 1812 person to the 1812 p

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

George H. Campbell, assistant general superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co., at Baltimore, Md., was appointed, on the 3d, general superintendent, with offices at New York city, to succeed George F. Randolph.

for perjury, was heard by Gov. Lanham application was granted.

W. I. Buchanan, United States minister to Panama, sailed, on the 2d, from Colon for New York city, on the steamer City of Washington.

John H. Miller, county auditor, brooded over political criticism, and committed suicide, on the 3d, in the rear room of the auditor's office at

Chillicothe, O. Five hundred operatives of the Frank Diesel branch of the American Can Co., Chicago, struck, on the 3d, tying up the plant. Reduction in wages was

the eause. Edward A. Lord, one of the pioneer members of the Chicago board of Pittman, who subsequently committed Evanston, III.

Miss Rose McHugh, aged 105, died, on the 3d, at New London, Wis. Sne was Lewistown, Mo. born in Ireland. filed articles of incorporation, on the overruled the motion of ex-Congress-3d, with the secretary of state, at Co-

ager of the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville railroad, resigned.

Col. W. F. Cody reached Lincoln, Neb., on the 4th, with the remains of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Artie Cody-Thorpe, who died at her home in Spokane, Wash. The body was taken to Rocnester, N. Y., where funeral serv-

ices and interment took place. Lake Village, Ark., was almost totally destroyed by fire, on the 4th. Twenty-two business houses, six dwellings, the post office, Masonic temple and many other buildings were the Baltimore (Md.) fire would reach destroyed. The loss was estimated at

\$25,000, partly insured. Secretary of the Treasury Shaw's call for a 20 per cent, payment of the Baltimore, Md., made a careful study, Panama canal money, on the 4th, took on the 8th, of the district which had St. Loulsan, was found dead at Mobesa little more than \$7,000,000 from the

Senator William A. Clark, of Mon tana; Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmage and Miss Talmage, of Washington, D. C. sailed, on the 4th, on the steamship Trinidad for Bermuda.

Prof. Arthur W. Palmer, of the University of Illinois, who had a national reputation as a chemist, died, on the

4th, at Urbana, Ill. The twelfth juror was secured, on the 5th for the trial of Marx, Neidermeier and Van Dine, the Chicago car barn bandits, and taking of evidence commenced on the 6th. Twenty-four days were consumed in the work of securing a jury.

The Illinois supreme court, on the 4th, appointed Judge W. H. Gest, of Rock Island, Ill., to the appellate bench of the Third district, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge George W. Brown, of Wheaton. Judge Gest was formerly a member of congress

The Pennsylvania Railroad Co., on the 5th, arranged to borrow \$50,000. 000 from a New York syndicate, the money, it was said, being intended chiefly for improving the main line from New York to Chicago.

Ebenezer Blydenburg was found guilty, on the 5th, at Eldora, Ia. of poisoning his wife, and his punishment was fixed at imprisonment for Hfe. The United States army transport

Sumner, having on board the last American soldiers which had been engaged in the occupation of Cuba. sailed from Havana, on the 5th, for the United States.

At Buckingham, Ont., on the 5th, 30 buildings in the center of the towr were burned; loss \$120,000.

#### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The jury, after being out forty hours, acquitted Eddie Slattery, at O'Neill, Neb., on the 6th, who was charged with the murder of Henry Shaw. Shaw was killed March 6, 1903. Slattery's defense was that Shaw was accidentally killed while he was attempting to take a shotgun away from him.

James B. Colgate died at his home. at Yonkers, N. Y., on the 7th, after an lliness of several months. Mr. Colgate was born in New York, in 1818. Mr. Colgate was the first to organize, during the civil war, the New York gold exchange, of which he was, for many years, president.

Edwin Anderson, former captain of police at Sioux City, Ia., was sentenced, on the 6th, to pay a fine of \$500 and serve six months in jail for taking a bribe from J. H. Bigelow, a slot machine man. The sentence was the limit under the law.

In a fight at the Coal Creek (Tenn.) depot, on the 7th, three miners were killed and three bystanders wounded, by two guards employed by the Coal Creek Coal Company. Later a deputy sheriff, who went to arrest a guarld, was killed.

By a decision handed down at Victoria, B. C., on the 6th, Edna Wallace Hopper, the actress, was defeated in her efforts to break the will of her stepfather, Alexander Dunsmulr, and to ecure a portion of the Dunsmuir millions:

The postoffice department, on the 6th, announced that all rural free delivery carriers in the United States would have a holiday on the 22d, Washington's birthday. There are approximately 20,000 of these carriers. Washington Taylor, quartermaster

general of the grand camp of Confederate veterans, of Virginia, fell down a stairway of his residence and fractured his skull, and died on the 6th. without regaining consciousness. Secretary of State Hay returned to Washington, D. C., on the 7th, from

Senate—The political debate in the senate of the proposed loan of \$4,69,090 to the St. Louis exposition, which had been in progress on a point of order for three days came to a close, on the 5th, through a vote which left the pro-Thomasville, Ga., where he had been He seemed almost entirely recovered

Judge Thomas F. Tipton died at Bloomington, Ill., on the 7th, aged 70

senate, on the 8th, passed the bill granting assistance to the proposed Lewis an! Clark exposition, at Portland, Ore. The bill was amended so as to close the exposition on Sundays, and the provision for a permanent me morial to Lewis and Clark was eliminated. The senate, at 5:35 p. m., ad The application for the extradition of journed . . . . House-The house debated F. Dodge, wanted in New York at length the proposed loan of \$4,600, 000 to the Louisiana Purchase exposiat Austin, Tex., on the 3d, and the tion at St. Louis as provided for in the senate amendment to the urgent defi ciency bill, and it was still pending when the house adjourned. The house non-concurred in all other amendments except that providing for analyzing and testing at the St. Louis fair, under direction of the geological survey of the coals and lignites of the Inited States, in order to determine their fuel values. With the loan amendment still pending, at 4:55 the house adjourned.

In an altercation on a railway plat form at Lewiston, Mo., 20 miles from Quincy, Ill., Noah Bowles, town marshal, was shot and killed by William trade, died, on the 3d, at his home in suicide. It was alleged that Pittman was intoxicated and had terrorized the passengers on a train from Labelle to

In the district court at Cripple The National Woman's Relief corps Creek, Col., on the 8th, Judge Lewis man John M. Glover, of Missouri, for dismissal of the charges of assault On the 3d, W. I. Allen, general man- with intent to murder Sergeants Dittlemore and Smith of the Colorado na-

> tional guard. Gustav Marx, self-confessed participant in the Chicago car barn murders, turned aside from this co-defendants, Peter Neidermeyer and Harvey Van Dine, at the opening of the trial of the thice men, on the 8th, and offered to become a witness for the state.

> Col. J. Frank Supplee, a competent authority on factory statistics, on the 8th estimated that the number of persons thrown out of employment by 50,000. Others estimated the enforced idleness at greatly more.

Inspector of Buildings Preston, been burned in that city, and placed ly. Murder is suspected. depository banks of New York city. ...e building loss at \$150,000,000.

#### MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

A New Enterprise. A charter has been procured from the office of the secretary of state by the Ozark Fruit Farms Co., a corporation with \$1,000,000 capital, principally by New York capitalists, to deal in southwest Missouri land and develop the country by orchard cultivation. The capital is fully paid and the office is located at Joplin, with the following stockholders: Amassa Corbin, Louis Williams, Fernando Rogers and Thomas J. Finney, of New York; R. B. Hart, of Springfield; Charles Moore, of Joplin, and Ralph Corbin, of Joplin.

"Ireland's Own" Is Coming. "Ireland's Own" band, the finest or ganization of musicians in all Ireland. has accepted the invitation extended by James A. Reardon, of St. Louis, to participate in the Irish section of the Irish industrial exhibition at the World's fair. In many respects "Ireland's Own," or the Dublin prize band, as they have been known, is a unique body of men. It is composed of 60 musicians, each one a prize winner As a whole the band has won every first prize offered in Ireland since 1885.

Girl Coughs Up Bullet. Miss Mae Lowery, of Springfield, who was shot in the face by M. Tabashreny, alias Charles Brown, of St. Louis, nearly three weeks ago, was attacked by a violent fit of coughing, during which the pistol ball, which had never been found, flew from her mouth. The ball had been dislodged in some way and fell into the throat where it lodged, producing the cough by which it was ejected. The girl, it ts believed, will now recover.

Penitentiary Sentences. During the special term of court at Fayette, Judge A. H. Waller sentenced the following prisoners to the penitentiary. Olden Turner, negro, 30 years for killing Harry McDonald, a white man, January 23, 1903; William Bogartis, five years for forgery; Walter Philpott, a negro, ten years for forgery; Lindsey Pitts, negro, five years for felonious assault; Bob Douglas, for killing Buster Kings-

#### bury, another negro, 15 years. Four Prisoners Admitted.

The penitentiary gates opened to admit four men the other day. Jean Chappell, of Springfield, will serve five years for breaking into a freight car at Springfield; Frank Gale, of Kansas City, will serve ten years for robbery in Kansas City; Lewis J. Helms will serve three years for chicken stealing in Andrew county, and John Edgen will serve five years for attempting to work the three-card monte game in Audrain county.

#### City to Buy Waterworks.

A special election has been called by the Columbia city council to vote the issuance of bonds for \$100,000 for the purchase of the waterworks and electric-light plant of Columbia, belonging to the Columbia Water and Light The plant has been appraised at \$67,000 by a board of commissioners, and that amount will be paid for the plant, the remainder being used in installing a system of deep wells.

#### Starved Himself to Death.

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Founder of Salisbury Dead. Says a dispatch from Kenton, O .: "Judge Lucien Salisbury died at his home near here, aged 80. He was the

founder of Salisbury, Mo., and served four terms in the legislature in that state. He also served on the common pleas bench." Father of Sixteen Children. Points river, in Oregon county. He was

Ben Huddleston died on Eleven 87 years old, and was the father of 16 children, 74 grandchildren and 34 greatgrandchildren. He resided on the same farm continuously for 83 years.

Station Agent Robbed. Two men held up the Frisco agent at Granby. Three shots were fired at the agent, one of which struck him in the face: The highwaymen got two watches and \$50 and made their escape.

Senator Stone Sells Farm. W. A. Lants, of Creston, Ia., has purchased the farm of Senator W. J. Stone, containing 400 acres, in Vernon county

for \$13,000, and has taken possession. Fined for Helping Barber. John W. Pratt, a hotel clerk, was fined \$100 and costs, in St. Louis, for helping a barber beat Steven Downey,

who refused to pay 60 cents for a shave. Carter Released. Charles R. L. Carter, a nortorious

murderer, has been pardoned from the penitentiary by Gov. Dockery. However, he must leave the state. Alleged Embezzler Caught.

Lee De Ford, cashier of the Bank of Altamont, charged with embezzling \$21,000 of the bank's funds, was ar rested at Council Bluffs, la.

Blucksmith Drinks Acid. Joseph Corolus, a prosperous blacksmith, drank an ounce of carbolic acid at St. Joseph and died. No cause is known for his rash act.

Strong Butter. Jailer Dawson of St. Louis complains that the butter furnished his institution by the contractor is too strong for

even the iron-clad cells. Mine Owner Killed. Fielding Dorris, one of the owners of the Cyclone mine, near Joplin.was killed by a fall from a ladder to the bottom of the shaft.

Death of Judge James R. Vaughn. Judge James R. Vaughn, aged 59, died at his home in Springfield of meningitis. He served in the union army in the civil war.

Don't Want Carnegle's Money.

The Carnegie offer of \$10,000 for a

public library for the city of Bethany

was defeated at a special election by May Be Murder. An unknown man, supposed to be a

# \$100,000,000 FIRE AT BALTIMORE, MD.

Raging With Unrestrained Fury And Is Still Unchecked.

#### HAS DESTROYED ALL THE LARGE STORES IN WHOLESALE DISTRICT.

Involving a Loss Which Has Already Reached Over One Hundred Million Dollars.

FIRE DEPARTMENT POWERLESS TO MAKE ANY RESISTANCE.

Situation So Desperate That Buildings Were Dynamited to Prevent Spread of Flames.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH AND WESTERN UNION BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Wilmington.

Washington, Philadelphia and

Daily Record, American, Sun and is being enacted before their eyes. News Put Out of Business.

Co.'s Massive Office Buildings Were Destroyed.

The Continental and Union Trusts

The Fire Is Still Cutting Down Blocks of Buildings With Irresistible Force.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8, 2 a. m. Monday.-At this hour the fire is utterly beyond control and the residential districts are in imminent danger. The burned area is three-quarters of

a mile long and from two to eight blocks wide. More than fifty blocks of business buildings have been consumed. The Monumental theater is burning

and the fire has reached Jones Falls. Directly opposite lies the old residential section of the city. It is thought nothing can save it. The firemen are absolutely power-

fices are burned and the city will soon hour no one has been killed. be cut off. While it may be days before an approximate estimate of the damage can be made, it is believed that the loss already aggregates \$100,000,000

Latest Estimates. PROPERTY LOSS .....\$100,000,000 LIVES LOST ..... PERSONS INJURED ..... BUILDINGS RUINED ...... FIREMEN KILLED ..... Area burned, one square mile.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8.—The fire Hurst & Co. has raged with anrestrained fury continuously, and is morning papers here—three English steadily eating its consuming way eastward on Baltimore street, after having destroyed almost all of the large stores and warehouses in the wholesale disbuildings on both sides of Baltimore street from Howard to Holliday street, from Charles and Baltimore to Charles and Lexington, and on Favette street from Charles to Holliday, including a total of about twenty blocks of the most modern and substantial buildings in Baltimore, involving a loss which cannot now be estimated, but which has certainly already reached \$30,000,-

000 or \$40,000,000. Dynamite Used to Check Fire. After since about 6 o'clock, when darkness came, the fire department, although aided by engines from Washington, Philadelphia, Wilmington and the surrounding suburbs, has been utterly powerless to make any effective though for hours as many as 400 streams of water were thrown into the flames. Indeed, so terrific has been the heat ever since the fire started. and so dense and suffocating the volume of flying sparks and burning cinders, that it was difficult for the firemen to stand long within fighting disance of the flames, while early in the afternoon several trucks and engines were hopelessly disabled by timbers. At 7 o'clock the situation was so desperate that Chief Horton decided that the only thing left to do was to dynamite buildings at threatened points, and thus prevent, as far as possible, a

further spread of the flames

Fire Department Helpless. In pursuance of this plan, a number of buildings on South Charles street between German and Lombard were blown up. Subsequently the splendid structure of J. W. Butts & Co., notion dealers at Charles and Fayette streets, was dynamited, and then the Daily Record building, Ross' drug store and otners. But this heroic remedy merely delayed, but did not seriously impede the onward march of the conflagration, and for two hours or more the fire department had stopped, practically helpless and resourceless.

Union Trust Building Burned. Following the rapid destruction of the palatial commercial buildings in wholesale district the cyclone of roaring flames burst into Baltimore street, licking within a few minutes the seven-story Mullins hotel like an insatiate monster and rapidly rolling with irresistible force both eastward and westward, cutting down wholesale and westward, cutting down wholesale Mascoutah, Ill., Feb. 7.—Fred and retail houses, manufactories, Schultz, 26 years old, was probably shops, jewelry stores, furniture empo- fatally hurt by falling coal in the Kolh riums and restaurants. At Charles street the remorseless tide swept on summoned and reduced the fracture of down Baltimore street, and also turned , five ribs and an arm.

into Charles street, where it quickly engulfed the eleven-story Union Trust building, starting eastward on Fayette building, starting eastward on Fayette street. By 6 o'clock occupants of the Daily Herald building, at Fayette and St. Paul streets, and of the Record building, opposite, were compelled to vacate by the onrushing flames, as were the occupants of the Calvert and Equitable structures, two of the most massive office buildings in Baltimore

Down Baltimore street a parallel wave of roaring, crackling flames swept, consuming everything in its course, speedily reaching the Evening News building, from which the employes had to hastily flee, though not until valuable records had been removed. Shortly thereafter the Continental Trust Company's fourteen-story building took fire. A block below the American newspaper building was enveloped in such clouds of sparks and burning splinters that the employes were ordered out.

So it is certain that the Herald and American will not get out issues today. Meanwhile, the Sun had been arranging to print its today's issue in its job office, which is situated at a distant point from the path of the

Financial District Doomed The financial district, including banking and brokerage firms on South and Gorman streets, seems to be now doomed, and scores of the city's leading financiers and business men are scurrying in and out of their offices, bearing packages or placing valuables

in conveyances. During all these hours the pyrotechnic display has been magnificent and imposing beyond the power of painter to depict. Vast columns of seething Department Aided By Engines From flame are shooting skyward at varying points of the compass and the firmament is one vast prismatic ocean of golden and silver-hued sparks. Great multitudes of people line the streets. awestruck with the panorama which

Absolutely Beyond Control.

At 10:40 o'clock the roof of the building occupied by the Associated Press took fire, and the employes were compelled to vacate, though they had time to take away with them their telegraph instruments, typewriters and other valuable equipment. They found refuge in a branch office of the Western Union Company, on Gay street. The prospect is that this office will have to be vacated in a few minutes, as the flames are breaking west and east and volumes of sparks and blazing cinders and splinters are flying in every direction. At this hour the fire is absolutely beyond control and all occupants of buildings in the center of the city are rapidly moving their valuables.

Seventeen Reported Injured. The city hospital, corner of Calvert

and Pleasant streets, is removing to other hospitals as rapidly as possible the twenty-four patients in that insti- a few minutes Judge Graves polled the tution. Seventeen injured were brought to this hospital, most of them surrounded Col. Butler, and after holdfiremen. They were suffering from burns, scalds or lacerations. Nearly less to stay the sweeping of the every physician in the city is in the about him. flames. Almost all the telegraph of-

> Militia Called Out. Detachments of the Fourth and Fifth regiments have been called out and patrolling the streets in the vicinity of the fire, guarding property and

keeping order. Fortunately thus far the conflagration has not reached the residence portion of the city, but fires are breaking 1,000 out in East Baltimore, and the indications are that the residence streets

are doomed. Baltimore & Ohio Building Burned. 8:40 Saturday morning, and informed which broke out a few minutes before morning newspaper will be able to get able to agree. 11 o'clock Sunday morning in the out an issue this morning, with the wholesale dry goods house of John E. possible exception of the Sun, which has an auxiliary plant. There are five

and two German. The Baltimore & Ohio road office building has been destroyed, as has also the Maryland Institute of Art trict around Hopkins place and all the building. At 11:45 o'clock the temporary custom house adjoining the post-

office caught fire. New York to Send Engines.

New York, Feb. 8.-Fire Commissioner Hayes announced at 2 o'clock Monday morning that a force of five engine companies was ready to start for Baltimore at once and were only awaiting word from the Pennsylvania railroad that a special train of flat cars was ready to start from Jersey City.

Philadelphia Sends Assistance.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8 .- In response to an appeal from Baltimore for help, Mayor Weaver Sunday evening sent six fire companies and 150 policemen to that city on special trains. The six resistance to the consuming element, fire companies, each of which took along a steamer and a hose wagon, were augmented by extra men from other compnies Postoffice Building Burned.

Wasnington, Feb. 8 .- A dispatch received from Baltimore at 2 o'clock a. m. says the fire is still raging flercely. The postoffice building is burning; also the \$4,000,000 courthouse. The Holliday street theater has been blown up with dynamite and the United States express offices and central offices of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad are burned.

#### WAR MUNITIONS SEIZED.

They Were Landed at Paerto Plata Santo Domingo, For the Use of Gen. Jiminez.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Feb. 7 .- Munitions of war intended for Gen. Jiminez. the Dominican revolutionary leader were seized at Puerto Plata, on the northern coast of the republic of Santiago Domingo, after having been landed there by the steamer New York from New York, January 30.

The Russian Pacific Squadron. New York, Feb. 6.-A Russian officer, New York, Feb. 7 .- A Russian officer. who has lately returned from the far east, is quoted by the Moscow correspondent of the Times to the effect that the Russian Pacific squadron pos-

sesses at least two submarines. Ribs and Arm Broken coal mine here Friday. A doctor was

# IS TURNED LOOSE

Jury at Fulton, Mo., Acquits Him of Bribery Charge.

NOW READS HIS TITLE CLEAR

The Jury Refused to Accept the Unsupported Testimony of the Men Who Swore They Received the Bribes.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 7 .- A special to the Star from Fulton, Mo., says: The jury in the case of Col. Ed Buttler, the millionaire St. Louis politician on trial on a charge of bribing 19 members of the house of delegates at St. Louis, returned a verdict which read: "We, the jury, find the defendant not



EDWARD BUTLER. The verdict was returned at ten o'clock. When the court opened at eight o'clock Saturday morning the jury had come in and reported that they were unable to agree. They were ordered back to their room to further consider the case.

When the jury finally reported ready to render its verdict, the defendant was not in the court room. It took several minutes to find him. The jury was brought in quickly, and the verdict was read by Judge Graves. As its import was realized, a dozen of Col. Butler's friends gave forth a wild shout, and dashed out of the room and into the street to spread the news. Butler stepped quickly from his place and shook hands with Foreman Rosser. Then he walked down the line of jurors, shaking hands with each. Within jury and discharged them. Friends ing an informal levee all left the room, Butler laughing and joking with those

When he finished shaking hands with the jury, Col. Butler turned to his son, Eddie, the big blacksmith. There were tears in the old man's eyes and the young man, unable to speak, grabbed his father and kissed him.

The jury contained five young men. none of them over 27 years of age, the youngest being 25. The oldest juror is 56, while the average age is 35, Judge Graves held the jurors until

midnight Friday before permitting them to retire. The jury was brought into court at Indications are that not a single Judge Graves that they had been un-

> "Is there any prospect of your reaching an early decision?" asked the court. "I can not say," replied Foreman Rosser, "we are still considering the case." Judge Graves thereupon requested

the jury to retire again, saying he would recall them in a short time. Circuit Attorney Folk was astounded by the verdict. About 18 ballots were taken, according to Foreman Rosser, and at the

start the jury stood ten for acquittal,

two for conviction. One of those vot-

ing to convict changed after the first "The jurors did not want to convict the defendant," said Mr. Rosser, "on the testimony of boodlers and perjurers, whose statements were flatly con-

tradicted by men of good character. "Again, we did not think the circumstances pointed to the defendant's guilt. On the evidence of the state, even though we thoroughly credited it, there was serious doubt as to Butler's

#### THE ENGINEER WENT INSANE He Stuck to His Post In a Collision,

guilt."

Escaped Injury, But Lost His Reason.

London, Ont., Feb. 7.-The Canadian Pacific "flyer" crashed into a freight train in the railroad yards here Saturday. The fireman jumped and was killed. The engineer, John Abernathy, stuck to his post and escaped injury, but went insane. The passengers were badly shaken up.

#### FIND ALDERMAN MOL GUILTY.

Of Accepting a Bribe in Connection With the Lake Michigan Water Denl Scandal.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 8.-The jury in the case of Alderman James Mol, charged with having accepted a bribe of \$350 in connection with the Lake Michigan water scandal, Saturday night returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence was deferred till March 1, and the defendant was released in \$3,000 bail.

Edna Wallace Hopper Loses Suit Victoria, B. C., Feb. 8.-By a decision handed down here Saturday Edna Wallace Hopper is defeated in her efforts to break the will of her stepfather, Alexander Dunsmuir, and to secure a portion of the Dunsmuir mil-

No Opposition to Senator Burnett. Marion, Ill., Feb. 8 .- The primary election held in Williamson county Saturday was to select candidates for state senate. Senator O. H. Burnett was alone on the ticket, leaving no contest.